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SUBJECT: 64TH ECOSOC--ACTIVITIES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT
OF WOMEN, AGENDA ITEM 9

1. THE COUNCIL COMPLETED ACTION ON AGENDA ITEM 9,
ACTIVITIES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN, BY ADOPTING THE
TEN DRAFT RESOLUTIONS AND FIVE DECISIONS CONTAINED IN
DOCUMENT E/1978/64. RESOLUTIONS 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 AND
10 WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. DRAFT RESOLUTION 2,
INSTITUTIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE WORLD PLAN
OF ACTION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UN DECADE FOR WOMEN,
WAS ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 37(US)-0-11. THOSE ABSTAINING
WERE NETHERLANDS, AUSTRIA, GREECE, FRG, UK AND EASTERN
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. WHEN THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED IN
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COMMITTEE, THE FRG, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE EC-9,
STATED THAT THEY ABSTAINED BECAUSE THEY HAD NO CLEAR IN-
DICATION OF WHAT SUMS WERE INVOLVED IN IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE RESOLUTION. DRAFT RESOLUTION 8, THE EFFECTS OF
APARTHEID ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, WAS ADOPTED BY A VOTE
OF 39-0-11(US). THOSE ABSTAINING WERE US, AUSTRIA, NEW
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ZEALAND, FRG, FINLAND, SWEDEN, AND THE FIVE MEMBERS OF
THE EC-9 (UK, FRANCE, FRG, NETHERLANDS, AND ITALY).
WHEN THE SAME RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED IN THE COMMITTEE,
THE FRG, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE EC-9, EXPRESSED RE-
SERVATIONS WITH RESPECT TO PREAMBULAR PARA 6 AND OPERA-
TIVE PARA 2. USDEL'S EXPLANATION OF VOTE WAS A
REPETITION OF THE EXPLANATION DELIVERED AFTER THE VOTE

ON THE RESOLUTION IN THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN. NO EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE WERE REPEATED IN THE PLENARY.

2. BEFORE ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE OF DRAFT RESOLUTION 10 ON THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BUDGET OFFICE ADVISED THE COMMITTEE THAT OPERATIVE PARA 4 WHICH DESCRIBES THE INSTITUTE AS AN AUTONOMOUS BODY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UN WAS AMBIGUOUS AND NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH UN PRACTICE. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE INSTITUTE SHOULD BE MORE PROPERLY CALLED A SUBSIDIARY BODY IF IT WERE ESTABLISHED BY THE UN AND THAT THE USE OF THE TERM "AUTONOMOUS" CAUSED DIFFICULTIES FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, STATUS OF PERSONNEL AND THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE INSTITUTE TO THE UN SYSTEM. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE 1976 ECOSOC RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE INSTITUTE (1998(LX)) DESCRIBES THE INSTITUTE AS AN AUTONOMOUS BODY AND SINCE THIS SAME RESOLUTION WAS ENDORSED IN GA RESOLUTION 31/135, THE IRANIAN DELEGATE WAS ANGERED BY THE FACT THAT THIS POINT HAD NOT BEEN RAISED SOONER. USDEL SUPPORTED THE SUGGESTION BY THE DELEGATE OF IRAN THAT THE RESOLUTION SHOULD BE ADOPTED WITHOUT CHANGE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ISSUE OF WHETHER THE INSTITUTE WILL BE DESCRIBED AS AN AUTONOMOUS BODY OR A SUBSIDIARY ORGAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL BE DISCUSSED WHEN THE FINAL PROJECT DOCUMENT IS PRESENTED TO THE GA AT THE 33D SESSION. IN THIS CONNECTION WE SUGGEST THAT THE DEPT TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT DOCUMENT E/1978/30 WITH A VIEW TO FORMULATING RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE OPERATION OF THE

INSTITUTE WHICH WE CAN DISCUSS WITH THE DELEGATION OF IRAN AND WITH THE SECRETARIAT.

3. DRAFT DECISIONS 1-5 WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. USDEL DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE ADOPTION OF DRAFT DECISION 1 DESIGNATING AN OBSERVER FROM THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN TO ATTEND THE WORLD CONFERENCE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

4. OTHER MATTERS. NEAR THE END OF THE SESSION THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL INFORMED US THAT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THERE HAD ONLY BEEN ONE NOMINATION, THE US NOMINATION OF LINDA BUSBY, FOR THE POSITION OF RAP- PORTEUR TO CONDUCT THE MASS MEDIA STUDY AS APPROVED BY ECOSOC IN 1977, THAT HE PREFERRED TO POSTPONE THE APPOINTMENT UNTIL THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION, THAT IS,

THE JULY, 1978 SESSION. USDEL AGREED TO THE POSTPONE-
MENT ON THE CONDITION THAT THE RAPPOREUR WOULD
DEFINITELY BE APPOINTED AT THE SUMMER SESSION.

5. MEMBERSHIP ON THE 23-MEMBER PREPCOM FOR THE 1980
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE. THE FOLLOWING WERE APPOINTED TO
THE PREPCOM: WEO--US, UK, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, AND
AUSTRALIA. EASTERN EUROPEAN--USSR, YUGOSLAVIA, GDR.
LATIN AMERICA--BRAZIL, CUBA, MEXICO, VENEZUELA.
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AFRICAN--MADAGASCAR, NIGER, NIGERIA, SENEGALN UGANDA,
EGYPT. THE MEMBERS OF ECOSOC FROM BOTH DEVELOPED AND
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WERE DISPLEASED AT THE UNFORTUNATE
DECISION THAT THIS MEETING SHOULD BE HELD IN VIENNA.
SEVERAL DEVELOPING COUNTRY DELEGATIONS WILL BE UNABLE
TO ATTEND DUE TO THE ADDITIONAL COSTS INVOLVED AND
THE FACT THAT SMALL MISSIONS CANNOT AFFORD TO SPARE
THE PERSONNEL NECESSARY. DEVELOPING COINTRY DELEGA-
TIONS STATED THAT THEY WERE AFRAID TO SPEAK OUT AS
THE AUSTRIAN DELEGATION WOULD MAKE IMMEDIATE DEMARCHES
IN THEIR CAPITALS. WE WOULD HOPE THAT FUTURE SESSIONS
OF THE PREPCOM COULD BE HELD IN LOCATIONS WHICH
WOULD ASSURE MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION OF DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES WHO HAVE BEEN MOST SUPPORTIVE OF OUR EFFORTS
TO PREVENT THE CONFERENCE FROM BEING A POLITICALLY
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